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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing the National Food Security Mission (NFSM);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the objective of the above mission;

(c) the details of the crops included alongwith the allocation and the progress Under the mission State-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to extend the coverage by including more crops under the NFSM; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c): National Food Security Mission (NFSM) is implemented in 482 districts of 19 States with three components namely NFSM-Rice, NFSM-Wheat and NFSM-Pulses. NFSM-Rice is implemented in 144 districts of 16 States, NFSM-Wheat in 142 districts of 9 States and NFSM-Pulses in 468 districts of 16 States. The objective of the Mission is to enhance the production of Rice, Wheat and Pulses by 10, 8 and 2 million tones, respectively by the end of XI Plan. The Mission also aims to increase production of rice, wheat and pulses through area expansion and productivity enhancement; restoring soil fertility; creating employment opportunities; and enhancing farm level economy to restore the confidence of the farmers. The details of State-wise and component-wise allocation and funds released under NFSM during the current year i.e. 2011-12 is annexed.

(d) & (e): It is proposed to continue NFSM during the 12th Five-year Plan with some modifications. The revamped NFSM forges linkages with all concerned in implementation of crop production activities which have direct bearing on enhancing and stabilizing the crop production. NFSM is being revamped during the XII Plan with focused attention on indentified crops following a location specific, targets oriented production strategies which have more focus on accelerated production of foodgrain crops including coarse cereals and fodder, asset building, strengthening of institutions including building of farmers organization to serve the farmers in focused manner thus improving the production and productivity of food grain crops.